

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN RECOGNITION OF SAMUEL WORLEY

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Samuel Worley as he celebrates his 100th birthday on June 13, 2021. For nearly a century, Sam has dedicated his life to public service. It is my privilege to recognize his life and achievements ahead of this milestone.

Born near Fannettsburg, Pennsylvania, Sam Worley proudly served as a member of the U.S. Army 8th Air Corps. During World War II, he worked in intelligence while stationed in England.

Upon returning home, Sam Worley married his wife, June, and they raised two children. In Franklin County, Sam continued to serve our community. During his career in banking, Sam also was an active volunteer with the YMCA, Kiwanis Club, American Legion, Masonic fraternity, and the Chambersburg Borough Council. Sam was elected to serve as Franklin County Commissioner from 1988 to 1996, and then continued to serve our community as the Mayor of Chambersburg for eight years.

As he marks this great milestone, I am grateful to Sam Worley for his continued dedication to our Nation and to Franklin County. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, it is my privilege to honor Sam for his many contributions and wish him continued health and happiness.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LEOPOLDO TREVIÑO-GUERRA

HON. RAUL RUIZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of Leopoldo Treviño-Guerra, who passed away on March 25, 2021. As a champion of farmworkers and the Latino community, Leopoldo devoted his life to giving voice to the voiceless and fighting for what is right. His story is an inspiration to us all, and his impact will undoubtedly be felt for generations to come.

Leopoldo's advocacy first began when his family settled in the Coachella Valley in the 1970s. There, he became a member of the United Farm Workers (UFW) and helped negotiate the first collective employment contract with the lemon agribusiness. As the chief representative of UFW in this landmark negotiation, Leopoldo was instrumental in securing workers' rights, including eight-hour workdays, rest periods, and higher wages.

His tireless will and unmatched strength have made the Coachella Valley a better place for everyone who lives there. As a prin-

cipal founder of the Housing Rent Control Movement, he secured better conditions for farmworker housing—improving the quality of life for hundreds of families in our communities.

Leopoldo was a true trailblazer. In 1988, he co-founded the first entirely Spanish-language newspaper in the Coachella Valley, *El Informador del Valle*. To this day, *El Informador del Valle* delivers news to the Latino community in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys. Leopoldo's unrelenting pursuit of justice led him to establish his second Spanish-language newspaper seven years later. *El Independiente* actively covered social justice work in the Latino community until 2008. With his excellent leadership and vision at both newspapers, Leopoldo successfully uplifted Latino voices throughout the region.

Leopoldo faced numerous hardships in his life, but he overcame the obstacles that stood in his way to create a better future for his family. His 19 children, 44 grandchildren, and 34 great grandchildren are a testament to his outstanding legacy. Leopoldo's story is an example of the excellence, dedication, and service to our Nation that all should seek to emulate.

COMMEMORATING THE GRANT COTTAGE HISTORIC SITE AS IT IS DESIGNATED A NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the christening of the Grant Cottage Historic Site as a National Historic Landmark. This home was the final dwelling place of the 18th President of the United States, Ulysses S. Grant, and continues to be of great historical significance.

Ulysses S. Grant rose to prominence during the American Civil War where he played a pivotal role in the defeat of the Confederate Army. In 1863, then-President Lincoln promoted Grant to Major General and then in 1864, Lieutenant General, holding command over all Union Armies. After the Civil War, Grant was elected as the 18th President of the United States in 1868 and is largely credited with reunifying the North and South. During his tenures, he created the Justice Department and oversaw the ratification of the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying any citizen the right to vote based on race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

The Grant Cottage Historic Site serves as both an educational experience, recounting Grant's storied place in American History, and a time-capsule, displaying artifacts untouched since the day of his death. This cottage, at the top of Mount McGregor, served as a refuge for Grant and his family in his final days and is where the former President completed his

autobiography, *Personal Memoirs of U.S. Grant*, just days before his death. After years of advocacy to the National Park Service, I am proud to stand in support with the Friends of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage as this site is designated a National Historic Landmark. This designation ensures that the site will be eligible for federal funding to preserve and protect this important piece of history.

On behalf of New York's 21st District, I am honored to recognize the work of the Friends of the Ulysses S. Grant Cottage for their dedication and perseverance in promoting this historic landmark. Their work will ensure that generations to come are able to visit the Cottage and recall the great importance of knowing our Nation's history.

IN RECOGNITION OF MAPLETON FIRE DEPARTMENT

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and thank the Mapleton Fire Department in Huntingdon County for its 100 years of service to our community.

Organized on May 13, 1921, the original fire company was comprised of 36 volunteers. Since then, the Mapleton Volunteer Fire Department and its iconic green fire trucks have been a staple in the Huntingdon County community.

Firefighters' commitment and service to our community are invaluable. Volunteer firefighters often are called on to respond to calls ranging from structure fires to medical emergencies. These brave men and women show their commitment to our community through their diverse and often-difficult work.

For the past century, volunteer firefighters in Mapleton have worked tirelessly to protect life and property. As they mark this incredible achievement, I am grateful to the Mapleton firefighters for their steadfast service to our community and I wish them continued safety and success.

HONORING COUNTY MANAGER PAULA STEWART FOR 25 YEARS OF SERVICE TO HARNETT COUNTY

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor County Manager Paula Stewart for 25 years of service to Harnett County, located in North Carolina's Eight Congressional District.

Over the years, Mrs. Stewart has played an instrumental role in shaping the history of our

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community. She joined Harnett County in 1996 as Director of Information Technology and retired after three years as County Manager. Appointed in 2018 by the Harnett County Board of Commissioners, Mrs. Stewart is the first woman to serve as County Manager.

Mrs. Stewart has led a career of distinction and is a strong and effective leader. During her tenure with Harnett County, she improved customer service, expanded access to public services, enhanced public communications, and managed growth by embracing new opportunities while preserving the rich history of our community. She is credited with revising Harnett County's fiscal policy, coordinating response efforts to emergency events such as Hurricane Florence and the coronavirus pandemic, and oversaw construction of the Harnett County Resource Center and Library.

Renee and I would like to extend our most heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Stewart for her years of exemplary service to Harnett County, which is a better place today due to her work. I know I speak for our entire community in wishing her and her family continued success and happiness as they move on to their next great adventure.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring County Manager Paula Stewart for 25 years of service to Harnett County.

HONORING BOUNTHIENG
EGKHOUNMOUNG AS IOWAN OF
THE WEEK

HON. CYNTHIA AXNE

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mrs. AXNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Master Sergeant Bounthieng Egkhounmoung, a recently retired veteran, as Iowan of the Week. Bounthieng, or BJ as he's known, retired last week from the 132nd Wing of the Iowa Air National Guard after over a total of 38 years in service to the country and the state of Iowa.

From the Marine Corps, Air National Guard, and the State of Iowa, BJ served his country through nearly four decades. He retires as a Master Sergeant from the 132nd Wing of the Iowa Air National Guard. The 132nd Wing, founded in 1941, has deployed in numerous conflicts throughout the world and played a critical role in our state's flood recovery over the last few decades. Their values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence in All We Do were exemplified by BJ throughout his service.

As Asian Pacific American Heritage Month comes to an end, may we celebrate the diversity in our country and reflect on the challenges many in the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities still experience. BJ's exemplary service to our country and lived the military values of duty, honor, and country. To quote General MacArthur who was reflecting on his own 30 years of military service said "Those three hallowed words (duty, honor, country) reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying points: to build courage when courage seems to fail; to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith; to create hope when hope becomes forlorn." Master Sergeant BJ embodied these values in his 38 years of service.

Our country is safe and our communities are secure thanks to the service of the over 20 million veterans and active service members that protect our nation, including BJ's service. As I rise today in honor of BJ, I encourage everyone to reach out to veterans and military families in your life, hear their stories, and give your thanks. I will continue to work across the aisle in Congress, such as my recently passed Sgt. Ketchum Rural Veterans' Mental Health Act, to ensure our veterans get the care they need and deserve.

It is my honor to recognize BJ for his nearly four decades of outstanding service to our country. I thank BJ for his service, and I hope he has an enjoyable retirement.

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
AND AMERICAN SAMOA COLLEGE
ACCESS ACT

**HON. GREGORIO KILI CAMACHO
SABLAN**

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa College Access Act, which would authorize tuition assistance grants to cover the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition costs for Northern Marianas and American Samoa community college graduates seeking to attend a four-year public university.

The importance of having an educated citizenry is a bedrock principle of our nation and has been since our founding. And in today's competitive job market, a postsecondary education is increasingly becoming a critical necessity for obtaining a decent job with a decent wage.

The Northern Mariana Islands has only been part of America for forty years. We understand well that education is key to our continued growth, but the reality is that household incomes in the Northern Marianas are less than half the national median. The U.S. territory of American Samoa is in similar economic straits. Poverty and unemployment rates there are among the highest in the country.

I believe the best way to improve economic conditions in these territories is to improve the educational opportunities of our residents. Unfortunately, however, neither the Northern Marianas nor American Samoa has a four-year institution of higher education. In fact, they are the only two congressional districts in the country without a public four-year college or university. Each has an accredited community college, but academic offerings are substantially limited.

Students from these U.S. territories wanting the advantages of a four-year university in another state or territory face significant financial difficulty. Nonresident students spend an average of \$16,380 in out-of state tuition and fees more per year than their resident peers at public four-year colleges, according to College Board. And many students in the Marianas and American Samoa wanting to attend a four-year university not only face the cost-of-nonresident-tuition, but also the significant expense of travel. The Marianas are over 3,700 miles from the nearest state, Hawaii—a \$1,100 one-way trip by plane. American

Samoa to Hawaii is over 2,500 miles, over \$800 one-way.

The bill follows the model of P.L. 106–98, the D.C. College Access Act, which allows students residing in the District of Columbia to apply for grants to help pay the cost of attending colleges outside D.C., but much smaller in scope and cost. It creates a program through which public four-year schools in the 50 states, D.C., and other U.S. territories may be reimbursed for offering in-state tuition to undergraduate students from the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa.

The gentlewoman from American Samoa, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, is an original cosponsor of the bill. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation and help give students from the Northern Marianas and American Samoa the means needed to make their educational dreams a reality.

IN RECOGNITION OF LIEUTENANT
COLONEL DENNIS K. WILLIAMS II

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Lieutenant Colonel Dennis K. Williams II for this extraordinary command of the Letterkenny Munitions Center at Letterkenny Army Depot from June 6, 2019 to June 10, 2021.

LTC Dennis K. Williams II is a native of Grants Pass, Oregon. He enlisted in the Army in 1991, and received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in 2001. He graduated from the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Arts in history and earned a graduate degree in management. Prior to serving as commander of Letterkenny Munitions Center, LTC Dennis K. Williams II was the Director of the Virtual Experimentation Team in the U.S. Army Futures Command Sustainment Battle Lab in Fort Lee Virginia.

His previous assignments includes serving as the Brigade Combat Team S4 Trainer, Brigade Support Battalion Executive Officer and later Support Operations Officer Trainer at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California; Battalion Executive Officer, 10th Sustainment Brigade, Fort Drum, New York; Deputy Division 04, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York; Deputy CJ–4, CJTF–10, Bagram, Afghanistan; Division Maintenance Officer, 2nd Infantry Division, Korea; Brigade S3, 171st Infantry Brigade, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Battalion Executive Officer, 187th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Company Commander, B. Co, 187th Ordnance Battalion, Fort Jackson, South Carolina; Bomb Disposal Advisor Military Transition Team, 2nd Iraqi Army, Mosul, Iraq; Depot and Ammunition Supply Point Officer-in-Charge, 83rd Ordnance Battalion, Okinawa, Japan. He was deployed to Somalia and Haiti in 1994. In 2008, LTC Dennis K. Williams II was deployed to Mosul, Iraq; and to Bagram, Afghanistan, in 2014.

LTC Dennis K. Williams II received a Bronze Star (1 Oak Leaf Cluster), Meritorious Service Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters) Army Commendation Medal (Valor Device), Army Commendation Medal (4 Oak Leaf Clusters), National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan

Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, North Atlantic Treaty Organization Medal, and Combat Action Badge.

I am grateful for LTC Dennis K. Williams II's service to protect our Nation and defend democracy. On behalf of Pennsylvania 13th Congressional District, I thank LTC Williams for his leadership at Letterkenny Munitions Center and I wish him every continued success in the chapters to come.

HONORING THE 2021 UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY-BOUND STUDENTS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to come before my colleagues today to recognize those young men and women from Texas' Third Congressional District who have accepted an appointment to one of our prestigious United States Service Academies. I am honored to have this opportunity to congratulate these young patriots and wish them success as they strive to fulfill their maximum potential in defending our nation.

The United States Services Academies have a long-standing tradition of offering its students the highest caliber education and officer military training in the world. Each of the individuals recognized today began their journey of service by applying through their Member of Congress or qualified source via a highly competitive process. However, only a select few are found to meet the necessary standards set forth by the Academies.

These outstanding students have proven they are the gold standard by demonstrating their excellence in academics, athletics, and commitment to their community both inside and outside of the classroom. I am confident these young men and women will achieve great success while further developing the qualities of leadership, honor, and self-sacrifice as they prepare to lead our Nation's Armed Forces.

As one who has worn the uniform, I thank these young patriots for their courage, conviction, and commitment to our Nation, and it is my privilege to congratulate these leaders as they embark on this new mission of service.

CLASS OF 2025 APPOINTMENTS

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

Tylan Hines, Plano Senior High School*
Arjun Kersten, Plano West Senior High School
Rushaan Mahajan, Plano East Senior High School
Christopher Park, Spring Creek Academy
Dylan Rogers, McKinney North High School
Chase Spencer, Plano West Senior High School
Autumn Thill, John Paul II High School

U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

Owen Archer, Liberty High School
Matteo Bianchi, McKinney Boyd High School*
Charles Flanigen III, Allen High School*
Jonah Johnson, Lebanon Trail High School*

Inaki Romero-Garza, John Paul II High School

Zeta Williamson, Allen High School*

U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY

Katherine Beeler, Plano West Senior High School

Quynh-Tien Kerri Do, Plano East Senior High School

Madeline Graham, Melissa High School*

Timothy Johnson, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School

Aiden Kim, Independence High School

Cade Patton, Allen High School

Haden Ray, Plano Senior High School

Orion Rolater, Plano East Senior High School

U.S. MERCHANT MARINE ACADEMY

William Boese, New Mexico Military Institute

Sheridan Harvey, Lone Star High School

Eric Jiang, Plano West Senior High School

Margaret Ripperger, McKinney Boyd High School

*Denotes acceptance to one of the academy preparatory schools

INTRODUCTION OF THE TOTAL RECALL ACT OF 2021

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce the introduction of the Total Recall Act of 2021, which would require businesses to strengthen and streamline notifications for product recalls to consumers.

Every year, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recalls at least 400 products, but due to poor notification practices by manufacturers and producers, the average response rate of consumers for most recalls is only between 4 and 18 percent. Consumers are purchasing or failing to stop using products because they are unaware of recall notifications.

As a mom myself, I know that parents cannot be expected to check the CPSC website every time they purchase a product for their families. If a company sells a dangerous item, that company should be expected to market the recall as aggressively as they marketed the sale of the product.

That is why I am introducing the Total Recall Act, legislation which will implement much needed reforms to increase the effectiveness of products recalled by the CPSC. This bill will increase requirements for companies to post recall notices on their websites and social media, and require or encourage companies to use parts of the original marketing budgets of the product in question on notifying consumers of the recall.

The numbers don't lie; if consumers are not participating in recalls, then companies need to work harder to let their consumers know about any dangers that they face from continued use of these products. Companies know how to market products, it is time for them to apply those same skills to marketing recalls.

2021 PA18 CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the artistic ability of a young high school student from my Congressional District, Makenzie Sing from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School.

Ms. Sing is the winner of the 2021 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania's High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." "Ms. Sing's artwork, a mixed media collage with pen and ink entitled "Portrait of Truths," was selected from a number of outstanding entries to this year's competition. In fact, 20 works from 4 different schools in Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District were submitted to our panel of respected local artists. It's a real tribute to Ms. Sing's skill and vision that their work was chosen as the winner of this year's competition.

Ms. Sing's artwork will represent the 18th Congressional District of Pennsylvania in the national exhibit of high school students' artwork that will be displayed in the United States Capitol over the coming year. I encourage my colleagues, as well as any visitor to Capitol Hill, to view Ms. Sing's artwork, along with the winning entries from the high school art contests held in other Congressional Districts, which will be on display in the Capitol tunnel. It is amazing to walk through this corridor and see the interpretation of life through the eyes of these young artists from all across our country.

Lillian Spencer from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School was awarded second place for their color pencil composition "Seeing Eye to Eye." Nathan Weaver from CAPA received third place for their acrylic painting entitled "Miners." Bina Guo from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School was awarded fourth place for their watercolor and pencil composition entitled "Organic Ruin," and Margaret Tracht from CAPA received the fifth-place award for their pen on paper composition "Overgrown."

For the first time this year, we posted all of the entries online and allowed people to vote for their favorite one. Over the course of several weeks, more than 400 people voted for their favorite entry. "Unclear," a watercolor by Zoe McCoy from South Fayette High School, was the overwhelming favorite with just under 20 percent of the votes cast, and so Zoe was the winner of our first "People's Choice" award.

In addition, Honorable Mention Awards were presented to works by Yutaka Tomokio from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School, Zoe McCoy from South Fayette High School, and Annika Vaughan from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School.

I would like to recognize all of the participants in this year's 18th Congressional District High School Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery:" from Allderdice High School, Sean Folan; from East Allegheny High School, Marley Green, Samantha Hallick, Casey Kopa, and Mandy Ruffing; from the Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts School, Brynn Campbell, Anya Frazier, Ruby Frazier, Bina

Guo, Sofia Montelibano, Polina Novikova, Makenzie Sing, Lillian Spencer, Melaina Thompson, Margaret Tracht, Yutaka Tomokio, Annika Vaughan, Colleen Vine, and Nathan Weaver; and from South Fayette High School, Zoe McCoy.

I would like to thank these impressive young artists for allowing us to share and celebrate their talents, imagination, and creativity. The efforts of these students in expressing themselves in a powerful and positive manner are no less than spectacular.

I hope that all of these individuals continue to utilize their artistic talents, and I wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING WARD TRANSPORT & LOGISTICS

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ward Transport & Logistics for its longstanding dedication to our central Pennsylvania community as it celebrates 90 years of service. For decades, this nationally recognized trucking company has been instrumental in supplying and sustaining our local economy.

Since W. W. Ward founded the company in 1931, Ward Transport & Logistics has grown substantially and now operates 20 locations across the northeastern United States. This success is testament to the hard work and dedication of the Ward family. Ninety years later, Ward Transport & Logistics is now led by the fourth generation of the Ward family and it employs more than 1,400 workers in Pennsylvania and beyond.

As the company has expanded, its community outreach also has grown. Ward Hearts & Hands is a volunteer program overseen by employees with a heart for service. Their work to support critical community projects includes setting up charity events, serving meals and partnering with local food banks, delivering supplies to elderly members of the Blair County community, and fostering a children's mentoring program to grow the next generation of talent in our community.

Throughout their work to provide essential services, Ward Transport & Logistics has gone above and beyond in support of the Blair County community. As the Ward family and their entire team celebrate 90 years of service, I congratulate Ward Transport & Logistics on this outstanding legacy and wish them continued success.

CONGRATULATING INDIANA SECRETARY OF STATE CONNIE LAWSON ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. JACKIE WALORSKI

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate former Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson on her recent retirement and to thank her for many years of dedicated service to Hoosiers.

Throughout her years of public service, Connie has dedicated herself to moving Indiana forward. She was elected to the Indiana State Senate in 1996, and, in 2006, she became the first woman to serve as Senate Majority Floor Leader. In 2012, she was appointed to serve as Indiana's 61st Secretary of State. In these roles, she worked tirelessly to strengthen our communities and advance opportunities for future generations. Connie truly made our state a better place for Hoosiers to live, work, and thrive.

I am grateful to have worked with Connie on behalf of our state's businesses, workers, families, and voters. Her strong conservative values and Hoosier common sense have helped bring Indiana's businesses into the 21st century and ensured our elections remained free, fair, and secure. Her unmatched leadership, tenacity, and integrity, both in the Indiana Senate and as Secretary of State, have helped secure Indiana's status as an economic powerhouse. With a AAA credit rating, fiscally responsible budget, and low unemployment rate, our state is among the best places in the country to start and grow a business.

Governor Eric Holcomb has dubbed Connie "Indiana's own Iron Lady," and I couldn't agree more. She is a true patriot with a servant's heart, and her passion for helping her fellow Hoosiers has always been clear. I have no doubt her legacy will last far into the future.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Indiana's 61st Secretary of State Connie Lawson for her lifelong commitment to serving our communities. On behalf of 2nd District Hoosiers, I wish her the best as she embarks on this next chapter in life.

COMMEMORATING THE 77TH ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY AND REMEMBERING THE MEMBERS OF THE GREATEST GENERATION WHO SAVED FREEDOM IN THE WORLD

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, tomorrow, June 6, marks the 77th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied Forces' audacious amphibious landing at Normandy, France, on June 6, 1944.

This joint undertaking to liberate the continent of Europe from the clutches of an evil aggressor enemy was the first and most emphatic demonstration of the invincible strength of democratic nations when acting collectively.

For more than 70 years, peace in Europe has been secured and no adversary, not the old Soviet Union or the contemporary Russian Federation, has dared to risk war by attacking a European ally of the United States because every American president has made clear that the United States is committed to Article V of the North Atlantic Treaty which holds that an attack on any NATO member is regarded as an attack on all of them.

Madam Speaker, Operation Overlord, as D-Day was formally known, was the largest single amphibious assault in the history of warfare.

The success of D-Day, which was far from certain at the outset, led to the liberation of

Western Europe, signaled the death knell of the German Wehrmacht, and paved the way to unconditional victory by the Allied Forces over the evils of Nazism, fascism, and Japanese imperialism.

It is no exaggeration to say that D-Day changed the course of human history.

The aim of the meticulously planned D-Day operation was to open a second front in the European war theater from which the Allied Forces could attack the German army and push east to capture Berlin.

With the Russian Army advancing from the east, coupled with the southern front opened by the Allied invasion of Italy from North Africa in 1942, the opening of a western front would set in motion the pincer movement that would catch the German Army in a trap from which there would be no escape.

The formidable German Army expected that the Allied Forces would try to launch an invasion from the western beaches of France.

They just did not know when or where.

So, in anticipation of an Allied invasion, the Nazis constructed the infamous Atlantic Wall, an extensive system of coastal fortifications built along the western coast of Europe and Scandinavia.

Under the direction of Field Marshal Rommel, the Atlantic Wall was reinforced by the addition of concrete pillboxes built along the beaches to house machine guns, antitank guns and light artillery.

Mines and antitank obstacles were planted on the beaches themselves and underwater obstacles and mines were placed in waters just offshore.

By the time of the D-Day landing, the Nazis had laid almost six million mines in northern France.

And awaiting Allied soldiers who made their way onto and away from the beaches were gun emplacements and minefields extended inland.

"War is hell," said General William Tecumseh Sherman during the Civil War.

And that is an apt description of what awaited the brave Allied warriors who set sail from England to the beaches of Normandy in the early morning of June 6, 1944, at the beginning of what has rightly been called "The Longest Day."

But they were buoyed in their resolve by the millions of prayers from Americans and others back home, of all races, religions, and creeds, invoking the Lord's blessing, mercy, and grace.

With the outcome in doubt, President Franklin Roosevelt asked the nation to join him in this solemn prayer:

"Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor, a struggle to preserve our Republic, our religion, and our civilization, and to set free a suffering humanity."

"Lead them straight and true; give strength to their arms, stoutness to their hearts, steadfastness in their faith."

"They will need Thy blessings."

"For these men are lately drawn from the ways of peace."

"They fight not for the lust of conquest."

"They fight to end conquest."

"They fight to liberate."

"They fight to let justice arise, and tolerance and goodwill among all Thy people."

"They yearn but for the end of battle, for their return to the haven of home."

The prayers were needed because the cost of D-Day was high; U.S. casualties on D-Day totaled more than 2,499 dead, 3,184 wounded, 1,928 missing, and 26 captured.

Our British and Canadian allies suffered terrible losses on D-Day as well: approximately 2,700 for the British and 946 for the Canadians.

German casualties are estimated at 4,000 to 9,000.

In total, the number of combatants killed, wounded or missing in the Battle of Normandy for both sides exceeded 425,000, not including the estimated 15,000 to 20,000 French civilians killed.

But the operation was a success.

More than 156,000 troops or paratroopers came ashore on D-Day, 73,000 from the U.S., 83,000 from Great Britain and Canada.

By the end of June 11, D-Day plus 5, 326,547 troops, 54,186 vehicles and 104,428 tons of supplies had come ashore.

And with them came the seeds for the victory in Europe that would come less than a year later, on May 8, 1945, with the fall of Berlin and the unconditional surrender of the Nazis.

On the eve of the Normandy invasion, General Dwight D. Eisenhower, the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces, addressed the soldiers, sailors, and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Forces and said to them that they were about to embark upon a "Great Crusade," and that the "eyes of the world" were upon them.

He told them that their task would not be easy because the "enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely."

But General Eisenhower said, "this is the year 1944. The tide has turned. The free men of the world are marching together to victory."

And march to victory they did, fully justifying General Eisenhower's "confidence in their courage, devotion to duty, and skill in battle."

Because of the heroism of these men who willingly risked their lives to be the tip of the spear of liberty, the war was won, and a world was saved for freedom.

Madam Speaker, D-Day was, and remains, a day like no other in the history of man's sorrow on earth.

We remember Gettysburg.

There, President Lincoln paid tribute to those "who gave their lives so that the nation might live."

It is equally fitting and proper that we never forget D-Day and that we continue to honor those who risked all and gave all so that the light of freedom would never be extinguished in the world.

**HONORING JOHN REMILLARD,
PRESIDENT OF ELIZABETHTOWN
COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, ON HIS
WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor John Remillard on his retirement from the Elizabethtown Community Hospital.

John joined the University of Vermont Health Network as President of both the Eliza-

bethtown Community Hospital and the hospital in Ticonderoga 5 years ago. Since then, John has helped the hospital through renovations, additions, and restructuring. He has shown steadfast leadership in the face of great challenges, most notably throughout the Coronavirus Pandemic. I have had the pleasure of working with John in the interest of the people of the 21st Congressional District, ensuring that the hospitals received necessary federal funding and supplies. I am grateful for the sacrifice and hard work that John and the entire Elizabethtown Community Hospital staff put into keeping our community safe and healthy.

As a federally designated critical access hospital, Elizabethtown Community Hospital provides vital care to the surrounding areas. John has faced unique challenges working in the rural healthcare field and yet, he continued to relentlessly pursue providing access to high quality care for all who walked through the hospital's doors. For more than 30 years working in the healthcare field, John has been a caring and compassionate leader, understanding that it truly takes a village.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to congratulate John on reaching this important milestone. John has left a significant impact on our community and improved access to healthcare in our rural district. I wish him well in this next chapter of his life.

IN RECOGNITION OF PATRICK G.
HIMES, SR.

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my District Manager Patrick G. Himes, Sr., for his service to Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District. An Altoona native, Pat has worked alongside me since the beginning of my service in Congress.

During his tenure, Pat has been an integral member of my team as he worked with Pennsylvanians on the ground and led our district operations. Under his leadership, our team has delivered substantial results for the people of Pennsylvania—from leading outreach to constituents and supporting our local communities to cutting through red tape with federal agencies. During the uncertain days of 2020, Pat ensured that our district team continued to safely provide uninterrupted services.

Every day, Pat's work is marked by his commitment and dedication to the people of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District.

Pat has spent a lifetime in service to our community. Before joining my office, Pat served as a law enforcement officer in Blair County for 27 years, including as Blair County Parole Officer, Altoona Police Officer, and Altoona School District Police Officer. He attended Bishop Guilfoyle High School and holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Dayton.

It is my privilege to recognize Patrick G. Himes, Sr., for his outstanding service to our region, and to thank him for his tireless work. I wish Pat and his family all the best as they embark on a new chapter.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT
OF COLONEL GERALD "JERRY"
LUKOWSKI JR.

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the esteemed career in public service of Colonel Gerald "Jerry" Lukowski, Junior. Colonel Lukowski retires on June 5, 2021, from the apex of his service as Chief of Staff to the Joint Staff for the Connecticut Army National Guard. Having dedicated a 36-year long career toward securing the common defense through a distinguished vocation in the military, Jerry will move on and continue to benefit the State of Connecticut with his skill and expertise within the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

Jerry's sense of duty catalyzed his service to the public through a military-oriented career. This was exemplified from the earliest days of his education, when he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the University of Connecticut's ROTC program in 1989, before graduating from the University of New Haven in 1991. Armed with a Bachelors in Civil Engineering, Second Lieutenant Lukowski set his sights on a path to leadership within the State's civil defense unit, the Connecticut Army National Guard. He put himself forward on this path, engaging with various career-related roles whilst simultaneously advancing a civilian and military education, obtaining his Master's in Environmental Engineering from his alma mater in 1997, completing countless military instruction courses and acquiring numerous licenses within the State's engineering apparatus as recent as 2019.

Colonel Lukowski applied his affinity for knowledge throughout the ranks of his distinguished profession. His education prepared him for 17 years of service at several stations of duty with the Combat Engineers and most prominently catalyzed his ability to excel in the latter half of his career as the Construction and Facility Management Officer (CFMO) for 13 years, and then Chief of Staff to the Joint Staff since 2016. As Chief of Staff, Colonel Lukowski greatly enhanced the operations of the Connecticut Army National Guard, pushing the troops to work with their respective units on their pre-deployment and redeployment requirements. During his tenure as CFMO, Colonel Lukowski's leadership and expertise in facilities management, fiscal policy and federal contracting enabled the state to obtain nearly \$975 million in Military Construction Project and Sustainment Restoration and Modernization funding, resulting in the planning and implementation of 17 total projects. His tenacity as an advocate for boosting Connecticut's emergency response infrastructure has well positioned our state's readiness capabilities for generations to come and has truly kept the safety of our public at heart.

Madam Speaker, Colonel Lukowski has spent his life developing Connecticut's emergency response infrastructure. His example of selfless service now extends throughout his family—his wife Mary Beth and children John, Sarah, Megan and Emily—the last of whom has gone on to attend the US Air Force Academy after receiving a nomination from my office. While the Connecticut Army National

Guard is losing an incredibly influential proponent, we can at least find comfort knowing that he will continue to serve the State and the maintenance of its essential infrastructure in the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Having risen through the ranks from Second Lieutenant in 1989, all the way to Colonel in just 18 years, Colonel Lukowski's impressive line of service to Connecticut has been displayed by his rapid rate of promotion and further by his list of numerous accolades. To that end, I ask my colleagues in the House join me in honoring and thanking Colonel Jerry Lukowski for his extensive history of service and wishing him and his family all the best in this new chapter of their lives.

COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE

HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce legislation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Federal Protective Service (FPS) in recognition of their service to our Nation. After passing the Capitol security bill in this chamber earlier this week, it is only natural that we highlight the work of our protection agencies and their commitment to the Federal workforce. As a former law enforcement officer, I understand the pivotal role of security today more than ever. Following the U.S. Capitol attacks on January 6, we witnessed firsthand how important it is to have law enforcement agencies like FPS to protect our federal facilities and workforce.

For half a century, FPS has served and protected the American people and government business with honor, integrity, and commitment. Since its inception in 1971, FPS has contributed to the protection of people and property in the Federal Government by identifying and mitigating vulnerabilities through risk assessments, law enforcement, intelligence analysis, and security measures. Two major acts of terror against the United States have shaped FPS to anticipate emerging threats more effectively: the bombing of the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995, and the terror attacks on September 11. Today, FPS provides the Department of Homeland Security Secretary with a highly trained, nationwide force that can support needs in countering emerging or existing threats and terrorism, within the boundaries of our Nation and territories. It is also responsible for protecting over 9,000 facilities and more than 1.4 million people who work, visit, or conduct business at these facilities each day.

FPS has shown that it is a leader within the law enforcement and protection community. It is their work and dedication that brings us closer to the vision of a Federal workforce and workplace that is safe, secure, and resilient moving forward.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing one of our nation's most critical federal agencies.

VA ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE U.S. OUTLYING AREAS AND FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. SABLAN. Madam Speaker, military veterans living in the U.S. Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States do not have the same access to services as veterans elsewhere in our Nation. They face numerous obstacles accessing the benefits to which they are due. They cannot reach all the services that should be available to them. We must fix this inequality.

As a first step, today I am introducing legislation to create the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee on the U.S. Outlying Areas and Freely Associated States. The new advisory committee would be composed of veterans from the U.S. Outlying Areas—the Northern Mariana Islands, which I represent, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico—and from the Freely Associated States of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. The committee, a part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, will be responsible for assessing benefit availability and service accessibility in these U.S. Outlying areas and Freely associated States and for advising the Secretary on how any deficits can be addressed.

As an example of these inequities, the Northern Marianas, my district, is the only U.S. jurisdiction without a VA Community-Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC). The nearest full-service VA medical facility is in Hawaii, which can be over a 15-hour journey by plane. The Northern Marianas is also the only U.S. area without a Vet Center. Guam Vet Center staff travel to the island of Saipan in the Marianas to provide services, but visits are infrequent and limited to a few hours. Veterans on the islands of Tinian and Rota must travel to Saipan or Guam to receive in-person services. The Marianas is also the only U.S. jurisdiction without a Veteran Benefits office. Guam VA Benefits Office staff travel to Saipan to meet with Marianas veterans and their families, but again those visits are infrequent and limited to a few hours.

The advisory committee my legislation sets up will detail issues, like these that Marianas veterans face, and concerns raised by veterans resident in the other U.S. outlying areas and freely associated states. And the committee will recommend to the Secretary how these issues should be addressed.

It is also my intention that the committee's existence within the Department will encourage VA leadership and staff to consider island area veterans from the outset, when developing new programs or initiatives, to put an end to this pattern of inequity.

Providing equitable support to veterans in the outlying areas and freely associated states is an obligation long overdue. These veterans have fought in the same conflicts and suffered the same physical, mental, and spiritual wounds of service as veterans residing everywhere else in America.

The legislation I am introducing today will give these veterans a voice within the Depart-

ment to advocate for equal treatment. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF JANYCE COLLIER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Janyce Collier for her work as the Director of the Franklin County Career and Technology Center Practical Nursing Program.

For the past 14 years, Janyce has selflessly served the people of Franklin County by ensuring quality education for the nurses and technicians that staff our hospitals and treat our patients. Her extensive career experience includes her dedicated work as a medical surgical nurse, time spent treating patients in the Intensive Care Unit, as well as work with home health care.

Before coming to Franklin County, Janyce Collier served our nation with the United States Army Nurse Corp from 1980 to 1995. During her service, she was deployed to Nurnberg, Germany, and later served with the Army Reserves in the 99th Combat Support Hospital located in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Previously, Janyce received her pre-clinical nursing accreditation at California State University-Sacramento, and then earned her BSN in Nursing from the University of Portland. She furthered her education with a master's degree from the Oklahoma City University, and a MSN in Nursing Education from Saint Joseph's College of Maine, as well as a Vocational II Certificate from Penn State.

Janyce Collier's dedication to teaching the next generation of nurses is truly remarkable. I am incredibly grateful for her service to our Nation and to our community. On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank her for her years of service and wish her every continued success as she begins a new chapter.

REMEMBERING BELOVED BASKING RIDGE, NJ CROSSING GUARD

HON. TOM MALINOWSKI

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Madam Speaker, Carolyn Maaitis was a beloved crossing guard from Basking Ridge, New Jersey. Carolyn passed away on May 17, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Carolyn was a cherished member of her community, who spent the last 28 years ensuring the safety of Basking Ridge children as a crossing guard near the Liberty Corner School. Along with her husband, George, Carolyn was a source of love and support to the students and families who knew her.

Carolyn prepared goody bags full of snacks and stickers on holidays, gave cards and small gifts on birthdays, and always had treats on hand for the neighborhood dogs. She never forgot to ask how a sick family member was doing and continually kept up to date with those around her.

I join the Basking Ridge community in mourning her loss. Carolyn exemplified what it means to be an upstanding citizen and neighbor. Her presence will be missed by all.

**HONORING THE SERVICE OF FIRE
CHIEF MIKE FARBER**

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. GOSAR. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the lifelong career of a great Fire Chief, Mike Farber. In a 40-plus-year career, Mike has selflessly risked his life as a firefighter for the people of Arizona. His courageous leadership and expertise was reflected in his role as a serving member of the Mesa Community College Curriculum Committee and Fire Science Advisory Committee. For three consecutive years, Mike facilitated a Leadership Academy and brought numerous recognized leaders from the fire service to share their wisdom and to help mentor the district's officers and staff.

Mike was also well known for his extensive experience and educational background. For more than 20 years, Mike has taught courses at Mesa Community College and Central Arizona Community College in Tactics & Strategy, Hydraulics, Supervision, Algebra, and Communication. His commitment and work ethic to civic duty and his community is a characteristic that all Americans should strive for. I believe that Fire Chief Mike Farber is a great example of what being an American is about. His impact and involvement will not be forgotten by his local community and state.

Madam Speaker, I express a sincere form of gratitude to Fire Chief Mike Farber, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in celebrating a successful career and legacy as a valuable protector to the people of Arizona.

CONGRATULATING THE PLAINVIEW ROTARY CLUB ON 100 YEARS OF ACTION

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Plainview Rotary Club, which is celebrating 100 years of service.

Since May 1, 1921, the Plainview Rotary Club has consistently served not only the Plainview community, but also the entire Texas Panhandle region and beyond. While times have undoubtedly changed over the past century, the Plainview Rotary Club's foundation of "Service Above Self" has not. With almost 60 members, this club's impact echoes throughout West Texas.

Whether it is working with the Salvation Army at Christmas, providing dictionaries to Hale County third graders, awarding students with perfect attendance, giving protective equipment to medical personnel, or promoting community improvement projects, Plainview Rotarians are known for putting service into action.

These individuals exemplify the principles of West Texas exceptionalism. For that, I wish to thank each member of the Plainview Rotary Club for their continuous, dedicated commitment to improving the lives of others. It is an honor to represent these members in our Nation's capital.

Again, congratulations on 100 outstanding years, and go West Texas.

**IN RECOGNITION OF GARY AND
MARIE KLINE**

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Gary and Marie Kline as they celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 5, 2021.

Gary is a native and lifelong resident of Chambersburg, and Marie moved to the area from Edison, New Jersey. They met during a football game at Chambersburg Area High School. Mr. and Mrs. Kline were married on June 5, 1971, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Chambersburg by Father Clemmons. Together they raised a beautiful family, welcoming a son, Gary, and daughter-in-law, Jessica.

For decades, they have worked together to serve the Chambersburg community and are active members of the Corpus Christi Church. Gary is a Fourth Degree Member of the Chambersburg Knights of Columbus Council 1426, where he served as Grand Knight from 2000 to 2002. Marie's community involvement extends from her volunteer work with the local Red Cross organizing blood drives across the region and to her service to local children at the Fourth Street Nursery School.

Gary and Marie Kline have shared a wonderful 50 years of marriage. Their enduring commitment to one another has held them together for better and for worse, and their strong and lasting marriage is one of life's greatest blessings. As Mr. and Mrs. Kline celebrate this remarkable achievement, I wish them every continued health and happiness in the years to come.

**MENSTRUAL EQUITY FOR ALL ACT
OF 2021**

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. MENG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce that on May 28th, Menstrual Hygiene Day, I introduced my Menstrual Equity for All Act of 2021. No one should be inhibited from participating fully in daily life due to lack of access to menstrual products. Safe, affordable access to period products is a basic need for over half the population, moreover, it is a human right.

Madam Speaker, period poverty permeates and cuts across a swath of issues—from educational equity to criminal justice reform; from economic and housing justice to immigration. The tragic reality for too many individuals in our nation, is that the cost of menstrual prod-

ucts is a barrier to managing monthly menstruation in a safe and dignified manner.

In the United States, 25 million women live at or below the poverty line. A 2019 study found that among low-income women in a major U.S. city, nearly half had to choose between buying food and spending money on menstrual products. One in five teens have struggled to afford period products, or were not able to purchase them at all. As a result, over 80 percent of teens say they missed school or know someone else who has. A recent study revealed that 1 in 10 college students was unable to afford menstrual products, and those who experienced period poverty on a monthly basis, were more likely to experience moderate to severe depression.

Madam Speaker, menstruators from all walks of life, across our country are having to choose between their period or their dignity. In fact, a lawsuit filed against DHS's monstrous treatment of migrant children in its custody found that girls with periods were left to bleed through their clothes and denied showers for days on end. This is unconscionable. We must break the silence, raise awareness, and fight for menstrual equity for all—each and every day.

My Menstrual Equity for All Act, is the first of its kind to comprehensively address the challenges of those experiencing period poverty. My bill would provide students from elementary school through postsecondary education free menstrual products, ensure that incarcerated individuals and detainees in federal, state, and local facilities have access to free menstrual products, allow homeless assistance provides to provide these products with federal grant funds, require Medicaid to cover the cost of menstrual products, direct large employers to provide free menstrual products in the workplace, and ensure that all public federal buildings provide free menstrual products in restrooms.

Madam Speaker, we cannot address educational equity, economic justice, or infrastructure reform without addressing the barriers that prevent our social infrastructure from caring for the basic health care rights of our population. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation and join me in upholding this human right. We must work to end period poverty once and for all.

**RECOGNIZING WWII VETERAN
EVERTT ATKINSON ON HIS 99TH
BIRTHDAY**

HON. MIKE BOST

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Evertt Atkinson of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, who turns 99 tomorrow.

Evertt was born on June 5, 1922, in Jefferson County to Emery Pearl and Hallie Winnifred Morre Atkinson. Upon the death of his mother, Evertt dropped out of school at the age of 13 to help his father tend to the family dairy farm and help raise his three younger brothers. Upon hearing of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Evertt hitchhiked from Mt. Vernon to Scott Air Force Base to enlist in the military. However, he was only 19 at the time, and he was forced to return home to get his father's written permission to enlist.

By November of 1942, he became an Aviation Cadet. He went on to take additional training as an electronic specialist, became a commissioned 2nd Lieutenant and then a Flight Instructor in the Army Air Force. He was also elected to the Honor Committee and graduated in the top 10 percent of his class. While on a 10-day leave, he met and fell in love with Doris Louise McCauley, whom he married on December 3, 1943. Three years later, Evertt was honorably discharged as a First Lieutenant.

Upon returning home to Mt. Vernon with Doris, they raised their three children: Ruth Ann Clark-Wheeler, Rebecca Louise Hill, and Dennis Dale Atkinson. In 1948, Evertt acquired his high school diploma and worked on his wife's family's dairy farm until 1965. He then worked for Sturdi-Built as a salesman for the next 28 years.

Those who know Evertt are familiar with his outgoing, positive approach to life and loss. He continues to volunteer for numerous charitable causes in his community. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Evertt Atkinson on his 99th birthday. On behalf of Southern Illinois, happy birthday.

RECOGNIZING DR. EDWARD
TRYAKIAN'S DONATION TO
YEREVAN STATE UNIVERSITY

HON. DAVID E. PRICE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. PRICE of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Edward Tiryakian, Duke University Professor Emeritus of Sociology, for the creation of a library wing in his honor at Yerevan State University in Yerevan, Armenia. Dr. Tiryakian donated his professional library to the university and was recognized in an official dedication ceremony on May 24, 2021.

Dr. Tiryakian is a renowned scholar, widely published in sociological theory, sociology of religion, and sociology of development. As a leading sociologist for 65 years, Dr. Tiryakian has amassed a large collection of important works in the field, ranging from 19th century texts written by founding sociologists to mid-20th century works written by prominent sociologists he has studied under. Over two years ago, Dr. Tiryakian approached Yerevan State University about donating his professional library to the university. The university enthusiastically agreed and constructed a dedicated wing in their main library to house the collection.

This generous gift included over 300 published books, many of which are rarities in the field and are no longer in print. Dr. Tiryakian cited his desire to honor his Armenian heritage as a source of inspiration for the generous donation. The University held an official commemoration this month for the library wing that will hold Dr. Tiryakian's beloved books.

Dr. Tiryakian's donation is the latest demonstration of his dedication to students and study of sociology as well as his leadership in the field. He joined Duke University as a professor in 1965, and he and I became friends and colleagues when I joined the faculty a decade later. At Duke, he has served as the Sociology Department Chair as well as Direc-

tor of International Studies and was instrumental in internationalizing the university. He also has held national leadership positions as President of the American Society for the Study of Religion and Chair of the American Sociological Association History of Sociology Section. Dr. Tiryakian received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in Sociology from Harvard University. He taught at both institutions before joining the faculty at Duke.

Throughout his career, Dr. Tiryakian has remained steadfast not only in his own pursuit of knowledge, but in his dedication to supporting the next generation of scholars at home and abroad. His generous donation opens the door for the university's students to learn from great scholars in the field of sociology, including Dr. Tiryakian himself.

Madam Speaker, it has been a pleasure to know and work alongside Dr. Tiryakian during his extraordinary career. We have had many conversations about Armenian history and politics over the years, but I had never visited the country until 2019, when, as chairman of the House Democracy Partnership, we engaged the Armenian parliament in the wake of the country's Velvet Revolution. I thought of Ed Tiryakian often during that visit. It is especially satisfying to see him close the circle personally and professionally with this gift to Yerevan State University, knowing that it will benefit Armenian students and enrich Armenian-American ties for years to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF DEBBY
CUNNINGHAM

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Debby Cunningham as she becomes the newest Executive Director of Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce. As a native of Greencastle, Debby is returning to the community to lead the Chamber of Commerce, support small businesses, and help revitalize our local economy.

A graduate of the Hagerstown Business College, Debby served as the business manager at the University of Maryland Extension. In this role, she managed the fiscal and human relations processes that kept the institution running smoothly across Maryland, while also supporting community relations.

Debby Cunningham's experience and passion for public service will be incredible assets as she leads the Greencastle-Antrim Chamber of Commerce. It is my honor to congratulate Debby on this new role, and I look forward to our continued work together to serve the people of Franklin County.

HONORING THE MINISTRY AND
COMMUNITY IMPACT OF MR.
LARRY YONKER AT SPRINGS
RESCUE MISSION

HON. DOUG LAMBORN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I am pleased to honor the ministry and community impact of Mr. Larry Yonker at Springs Rescue Mission in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Springs Rescue Mission has become a pillar of the Pike's Peak region, not only by caring for the homeless but as a model of local business, government, and faith-based collaboration, for the good of the community.

It was only one decade ago that Springs Rescue Mission was working to create its first shelter. The focus of its humble campus was still on feeding the homeless, men's addiction recovery, and some limited daytime services. Under Mr. Yonker's leadership, the Mission has become an expansive homeless resource campus—a Community of Hope for the most vulnerable men and women of Colorado Springs. With 450 beds, the Mission is now the largest homeless shelter in the region. The Resource Center offers case management and other essential services to help those in need to regain their health, return to work, and find permanent housing. Every day, hundreds of neighbors in need come to the Mission for a filling meal, a hot shower, a warm bed, and compassionate care. Just next door, 65 chronically homeless people have found a home at Greenway Flats. And in the middle of it all, a new 200-seat Samaritan's Kitchen, recently opened their doors to our community.

As a Colorado native and graduate of the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo, Larry is motivated by a deep faith in God and compassionate love for his neighbors. Larry's drive and focus is derived from Matthew 25:34-40, and has been the inspiration for Larry's tenure at Springs Rescue Mission,

"Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' And the King will answer and say to them, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.'"

Over the years, Mr. Yonker has been committed to bringing community partners both in the private and public sectors together, with a mission to provide lifesaving and life-building care for those most in need. He has been a champion for those trapped in homelessness, addiction, and poverty and for collaboration and partnership across every walk of life to ensure people receive the care they need.

As Larry retires, it is my highest privilege to honor and thank him for being a "faithful servant" to Colorado's Fifth Congressional District.

CONGRATULATING REBA WARREN
ON HER RETIREMENT AND
RECORD OF SERVICE TO HER
COMMUNITY AND THE NATION

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Reba Warren, a phenomenal woman, and a soror of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., on her retirement after a long and distinguished career as a senior Corporate Counsel for a Fortune 500 company.

After graduating from Howard University in 1981, Reba Warren was admitted to Duke Law School, from which she graduated in 1984.

As a corporate counsel for Reynolds, Reba Warren helped pave the way for African-American women to follow in a professional sector, in which they are woefully underrepresented.

This daughter of AKA took to heart the guidance that her fellow Howard alum, Vice-President KAMALA HARRIS, received from her mother: "You may be the first you may be the first to do many things, but make sure you're not the last."

For more than two decades, Reba Warren exhibited excellence in her professional duties and also mentored and encourage women, especially women of color, as they strove to create career paths in male-dominated environments.

A civic-minded community member, Reba Warren has served on several non-profit boards, is active in her church, and

Reba Warren currently serves as a member of the Second Harvest Food Bank to end food insecurity for Forsyth County, which is but the latest civic engagement in a lifetime of service to her community, which includes Big Brothers Big Sisters, Neighborhood Justice Center Board, Salvation Army Girls Club Committee, Crosby Scholars Community Partnership Board, Novant Health/Forsyth Medical Center Foundation Board, Jack & Jill of America, Winston Salem Chapter, Winston Salem Chapter of the Links, Incorporated, Girl Scouts of America, and the North Association of Black Lawyers.

Madam Speaker, I wish this phenomenal woman and mother of three sons well in her retirement, but I know that her ethic to serve her community will continue as we will all be better off for it.

HONORING LUCIA EMILY DOUD
WALLACE OF WILLSBORO, NEW
YORK ON HER 106TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor long-time Willsboro resident, Lucia Emily Doud Wallace, as she celebrates her 106th birthday on June 1, 2021.

Lucia Emily Doud was born in Malone, New York on June 1, 1915, the youngest of six children. She attended the Fine Arts College of Syracuse University where she met her future husband, Edmund Whiting Wallace. The cou-

ple were married in 1938 and spent 74 happy years together. They raised two children, Marjorie Alison Wallace, and Dr. Cynthia Day Wallace. The Wallace family has shown tremendous strength of character and perseverance through the challenges that life has thrown their way, including the deaths of Marjorie and Edmund. Through it all, Lucia remained a steadfast light in the lives of those around her.

In addition, Lucia is quite the accomplished artist. She was awarded the National Sculpture Award and studied under Lorado Taft, a renowned American sculptor. Lucia excelled at painting, sculpting, and is even an accredited national flower show judge. In her 106 years of life, Lucia's joy and wisdom have been a constant presence in her community and her artistic talent has brought much happiness to her family and friends.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I would like to wish Lucia a very happy 106th birthday. I wish her continued health and happiness in this next year of her life.

RETIREMENT OF ESTHER L. BUSH

HON. MICHAEL F. DOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. MICHAEL F. DOYLE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Esther L. Bush, who will be retiring after 27 years as President and CEO of the Pittsburgh Urban League—one of the top-rated Urban League affiliates in the country.

A Pittsburgh native, Ms. Bush is a member of the class of 1969 from Westinghouse High School in Pittsburgh. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in education from Morgan State University and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Johns Hopkins University before beginning her career as a high school teacher and later a college administrator and corporate consultant.

Ms. Bush spent a total of 41 years working for the Urban League. Beginning in 1980, she worked for various Urban League branches in New York City and was President and CEO of the Urban League of Greater Hartford before returning to her hometown of Pittsburgh in 1994.

As a member of the Pennsylvania State Board of Education, she prided herself on her contributions to education and once stated that the formation of the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh Charter School in 1998 was one of her greatest accomplishments as the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh's President and CEO. Her excellent work in education resulted in national recognition. In 2013, Ms. Bush was 1 of 10 Americans recognized at the White House as a Champion of Change in the Educational Excellence for African Americans program.

She also hosted the National Urban League Conference in 2013. Under her watch, the Pittsburgh Urban League Chapter also received the distinction of receiving a 5-out-of-5 top rating in its assessment from the national chapter.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, I want to commend Esther Bush for her contributions to Pittsburgh and the African American community. Her actions

are reflected in every life that she touched. Esther Bush should serve as an inspiration for us all. I am pleased to recognize her service to our community and wish her a happy and enjoyable retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF CORI SEILHAMER

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Cori Seilhamer for her dedication and drive to establish and lead the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) in Franklin County. Her work to train Law Enforcement Officers and members of the community to respond to mental health emergencies has made our community safer.

The Crisis Intervention Team's success has led to the development and implementation of the CoResponder/Community Liaison program, which pairs mental health professionals with Law Enforcement Officers and their agencies to respond directly to mental health emergencies.

As of April 2021, there have been 1,150 unique individuals who have been referred for mental health treatment and services as a result of the team's lifesaving work. The two co-responders and their law enforcement partners have been able to divert numerous arrests and court sanctions during the tenure of the co-responders. The team has linked numerous individuals with community resources and support which have helped to reduce recidivism and the need for contact with law enforcement.

The South-Central Pennsylvania CIT team has trained 225 individuals with experience ranging from law enforcement and emergency medicine to community organizers, mental health professionals, and veterans affairs employees. Cori Seilhamer's extensive experience and guidance has paved the way for other agencies and counties to start their own Crisis Intervention Teams as a response to her outstanding successes in Franklin County.

Cori's commitment and selfless service to our community has had a phenomenal impact for the residents of Franklin County. On behalf of the 13th District of Pennsylvania, I thank her for her service to our community and wish her every continued success.

HONORING THE RETURN OF PRI-
VATE FIRST CLASS JOHN F.
MIDDLESWART

HON. DARRELL ISSA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 4, 2021

Mr. ISSA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the homecoming of United States Marine Corps Private First Class John Franklin Middleswart, who was previously pronounced deceased and unaccounted for after the attack on Pearl Harbor. On June 8, 2021, PFC Middleswart will be laid to rest in eternal peace at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California, witnessed by living relatives.

Born in Peoria, Illinois on April 10, 1921, John F. Middleswart enlisted with the Marine Corps at age 19. After finishing boot camp in San Diego, he attended Sea School and was assigned to the Marine detachment aboard the USS Oklahoma stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. In October 1941, he was promoted to Private First Class.

Moored on Battleship Row, the vessel was struck by multiple torpedoes from Japanese aircraft during the assault on the morning of December 7, 1941. When the ship capsized, PFC Middleswart and hundreds of his fellow

crewmen were reported missing and later declared dead. For decades, they were memorialized at the Court of the Missing at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu, Hawaii.

On January 28, 2021, PFC Middleswart was the 300th identification made by the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) in the USS Oklahoma Project. The DPAA works to identify all servicemembers lost during World War II and other conflicts. Specifically, the USS Oklahoma Project seeks to identify the remaining unaccounted-for crewmen of the

vessel and is on track to identify 90 percent of the exhumed remains by the end of this year.

The final burial of PFC Middleswart is made possible by the dedication and fortitude of the men and women of DPAA and the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System team of scientists. DPAA's noble mission to identify all fallen servicemembers is not yet complete, but each identification is a step closer. And, while we mourn this life that was cut short, we rejoice the reunification of the Middleswart family. Welcome home, PFC Middleswart. Semper Fidelis.